

Shamarr Allen



When Willie Nelson established the need for a trumpeter to complete the lineup for the recent Willie and the Wheel tour, he wisely turned to the birthplace of jazz and sought out one of the city's finest musicians.

Hailed by star drummer Bob French as “the new coming of his era,” Allen recently snapped up a 2008 Big Easy Award for best emerging artist and plans to exceed the expectation with his latest release which promises a musical arrangement that breaks the molds of conventional brass.

Allen's freshman CD "Meet me On Frenchmen Street" took a modern approach to traditional Jazz and produced an instant classic with the title track. But Allen didn't stop there.

His rock/funk/hip-hop band, Shamarr Allen and the Underdaws released their debut CD in April of 2009, aptly entitled, "Box Who In?." A bold statement against being categorized under any one genre, the widely anticipated release delivers a radical departure from Frenchmen Street and takes listeners back to where Jimi Hendrix and Miles Davis left off.

"Meet me On Frenchmen Street" was an homage to the storied past of New Orleans; "Box Who In?" is a vision of its future. The tracks are representative of what's here and now, with an insight into the man behind the horn. "The title of the CD is how I feel," says Allen and "I will not be put into the box of a particular style of music. Maybe one day I will want to do a country record and I don't want to feel limited in any situation."

And limited he is not. Allen is regularly featured on tour with nouveau funk band Galactic and occasionally joins singer-songwriter Paul Sanchez's Rolling Road Show. He participated in a month-long tour as a member of a 12- piece backing band with Willie Nelson and Asleep at the Wheel, followed by a recent recording session with the country icon in Austin, Texas.

Shamarr Allen is certainly making his mark, transcending his local celebrity and spreading his star power throughout the U.S. and abroad. Once hailed as New Orleans' latest trumpet flash, Allen is now regarded as “one of the brightest diamonds to emerge from the Crescent City in recent years.”



recent appearances



Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse

May 9, 23 and 30, 2009

New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival

May 2, 2009

Galactic @ Rick's Café, Starksville, MS

April 16, 2009

Galactic @ The Lyric, Oxford Mississippi

April 15, 2009

River Fest, Algiers, Louisiana

March 27, 2009

Willie and the Wheel (Tour)

February 11 – February 21, 2009

Voodoo Fest, New Orleans

October 25, 2008

Galactic, Brass Tacks (Tour)

October 8 – November 12, 2009



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on the record

“Pops would be proud”

Stereophile Magazine

“Allen’s style seems daring and willing to take chances...which is so refreshing...”

Where Y’At Magazine

“Allen is certainly one of the brightest diamonds in the rough to emerge from the Crescent City in recent years”

offBeat Magazine

“Shamarr is one of the most exciting and charismatic musicians to emerge from the New Orleans music scene”

Paul Sanchez

“Shamarr embodies what New Orleans musicians are all about”

Harry Connick, Jr.

“The young man is the new coming of his era...he’s a great player”

Bob French

[Trumpeter Shamarr Allen Plays Outside the Box](#)

Keith Spera, Times-Picayune/Nola.com

May 3, 2009

[Trumpeter Shamarr Allen Doesn’t Wish to Be Pigeonholed](#)

Keith Spera, Times-Picayune/Nola.com

May 3, 2009

[Midnite Disturbers, A Jazz Fest Supergroup](#)

Jessica Rosgaard, CNN.com

May 4, 2009

[Review, Box Who In?](#)

Aaron Lafont, offBeat.com

May , 2009

[On the Road Again](#) - A Tour Diary

Shamarr Allen, offBeat.com

May, 2009

[Review, Box Who In?](#)

Sheri McKee, Where Y’At Magazine

May, 2009

[Let It Roll](#)

Robert Baird, Sterophile Magazine

April, 2004

[Young Men with Horns](#)

Larry Blumenfeld, Jazziz

September, 2008



Willie Nelson with Shamarr Allen on Trumpet

TBD

Shamarr Allen and the Underdawgs
Box Who In?

Threadhead Records/P.O.M.E. Music
April, 2009

Shamarr Allen
Meet me on Frenchmen Street

P.O.M.E. Music
March, 2008

Paul Sanchez with Shamarr Allen on Trumpet
Exit to Mystery Street

Independent
2008

Original Royal Players Brass Band w/ Shamarr Allen on Trumpet
In Their Footsteps

Independent
2008

Rebirth Brass Band
The Main Event: Live at the Maple Leaf

Louisiana Red Hot
October, 1999



